GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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JOURNALISTS WELFARE FUND
KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a Journalist Welfare Fund; and

(b) if so, the details of action taken including its salient feature and the time by which the said fund is likely to be set up and become functional?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) & (b): This Ministry has set up a Journalists Welfare Fund for providing one-time ex- gratia relief of Rs.1 lakh to the family of the journalists who suffer loss of life or permanent disability due to unnatural causes in the course of their duty. Allocation of Rs.1 crore has been made in the grants of this Ministry in the financial year 2001-2002 for setting up of Journalists Welfare Fund and relief has already been provided in five cases under this Scheme.